

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Category: Selection Process

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- 1. The ranking section identifies prior year as a category worth 40 points. What occurs with new programs in this category?***

The new VITA programs would not receive any points for this category. This recognizes the amount of work required to operate a successful VITA site.

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- 2. How will grant recipients be selected?***

Throughout the selection and award process, the IRS will focus on implementing the VITA Grant Program as directed by Congress. Applications will be screened against the eligibility criteria, and eligible applicants will then be evaluated and ranked based on their technical merit, geographic coverage, funding and other considerations.

Additional information concerning the selection process can be found in Publication 4671, page 36.

- 3. Once the Grant Program Office receives an application package, what is the timeframe for reviewing it?***

The review and ranking process will be July 17, 2009 through October 30, 2009.

- 4. Are there guidelines that address the turn-around time for returning an incomplete application?***

No. You will be notified once a determination is made on the completeness of your application. For more information on incomplete applications, refer to Publication 4671, page 35.

- 5. How will applicants know if they are selected for a VITA Grant?***

The Grant Program Office will notify applicants of their acceptance or rejection of a grant award by letter sent by U. S. Postal Service.

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- 6. Will the grant be awarded to applicants with one or with many sites?***

Grants may be awarded to applicants that operate one or more sites.

- 7. Will the grant be awarded for free federal tax return preparation activities not associated with VITA?***

No. The grant will only be awarded to organizations that will participate in the IRS VITA Program.